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PREFACE



In 2003 Philip Sellew brought sixteen scholars to the University of Minnesota to discuss early monasticism in Egypt with emphasis on the White and Red Monasteries near Sohag. Seven scholars analysed material evidence (two cooperating on one short paper) and nine drew primarily on textual material. Eight of their papers, four based on material evidence and four on texts, were published on the Web in 2009. Seven of those papers appear here; one has been withdrawn. Published here are the archaeological keynote address by Karel Innemée, and the papers of Todd Brenningmayer with Sheila McNally, Eunice Dauterman Maguire, Mark Moussa, Ivančica Dvoržak Schrunck, Columba Stewart and Nelly van Doorn-Harder.

Abstracts are included for the other eight presentations. Four have appeared elsewhere. One is in press, and will be added to the online version of these proceedings after it appears in print. Three will not be published. Parts of their contents have appeared or may appear in other places. An exhibition accompanied the symposium: its catalogue forms an appendix here.

These papers will remain on the Internet for the foreseeable future. In addition, a few bound volumes are being published and donated to libraries for archival purposes.

The papers were submitted to outside readers, resulting in some editing by the authors and Philip Sellew. Sellew worked on converting all the papers to the same format, and creating one unified bibliography. When Internet publication was decided upon, that process did not continue. Preparing the web and book versions involved standardizing the layout, but not the endnote or bibliography formats. Editing has been kept to a minimum, respecting authors' decisions about hyphenated words, use of italics, transliterations etc.

A few references to subsequent publications have been added.

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